

## NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

## SECOND SESSION

## LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 288

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WHEREAS, the Nebraska National Guard has played a major role in support of Operation Noble Eagle, the protection of the United States and in both Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska Army National Guard missions have included security, force protection, transportation, logistic support, quick reaction force, forward area support, rear area support, medical support, aviation maintenance, aviation support, both air and ground medical evacuation, reconnaissance, surveillance, law and order and police investigation, and direct support maintenance; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska Air National Guard missions have included aerial refueling, maintenance, engineering, supply mobility support, financial management, and security; and

WHEREAS, more than three thousand members of the Nebraska National Guard have been deployed to more than twenty foreign countries during the last four years; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Jeremy J. Fischer, Sergeant First Class Tricia L. Jameson, and Master Sergeant Linda A. Tarango-Griess made the ultimate sacrifice, giving their lives for

this nation; and

WHEREAS, the Bronze Star with Valor, awarded for heroic or meritorious achievement or service, has been presented to Specialist Jennifer D. Beck, Specialist Joshua H. Birkel, Specialist Richard W. DeLancey, and Specialist Michael R. Sharples; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart, awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces wounded or killed as a direct result of enemy actions, has been presented to Specialist Richard W. DeLancey, Specialist Justin R. Diggins, Specialist Jacob D. Graff, Specialist John D. Harris, Specialist Kelsey R. Lamb, Specialist Fenton E. Phan, Staff Sergeant Jeremy J. Preister, Sergeant Terence P. Ricketts, Sergeant Matthew J. Rouse, Sergeant Chad A. Schroetlin, and Specialist Rachelle A. Spors; and

WHEREAS, the Army Commendation Medal with Valor, awarded for heroism, meritorious achievement, or meritorious service, has been presented to Specialist Jacob D. Graff, Specialist Donald J. Harrer III, Sergeant Eric Q. Nesiba, and Specialist Nathan J. Reitz.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Legislature extends its thanks to and commends the aforesaid honorees for their sacrifice and service to the State of Nebraska and the United States of America.

2. That a copy of this resolution be given to all honorees.